

## Chemokine $\beta$ -15

### *Abstract*

5 The present invention concerns a member of the human chemokine CC protein family. In particular, isolated nucleic acid molecules are provided encoding the chemokine  $\beta$ -15 protein. Chemokine  $\beta$ -15 polypeptides are also provided. The invention further concerns diagnostic methods for detecting thymus disorders and therapeutic methods for modulating bone marrow cell proliferation and differentiation.

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